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**EU Statement in Response to Arrest of
General Ante Gotovina in Spain**

The EU would like to draw attention to the Statement made on 8 December in response to the arrest of General Ante Gotovina in Spain:

“The Presidency welcomes the arrest of Ante Gotovina. The Presidency would like to congratulate the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the Spanish and Croatian authorities on their work in bringing about this important arrest.

The Presidency is convinced that this arrest marks an important milestone for Croatia and for the region. It also demonstrates the success of the EU's policy of insisting the countries of the Western Balkans fully co-operate with the tribunal. The arrest and transfer of all indicted persons who repeatedly evade international justice remains of the highest importance for the EU. We call upon the Serbian and Bosnian authorities to locate and transfer Karadzic and Mladic to the Hague without delay”.